(a) the details of the programmes started by Government in Uttar Pradesh for rehabilitation of child labourers engaged in hazardous industries;

(b) whether Government have approved any projects for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the welfare measures under consideration of Government in the interests of the child labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) With a view to rehabilitate child labour engaged in hazardous occupations and processes, the Govt. is implementing National Child Labour Project Scheme in 250 districts of the country across 21 States, including Uttar Pradesh. Under the said Scheme, special schools are run for the child workers to provide bridging education before they are mainstreamed into the regular school education system.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The National Child Labour Project Scheme has been extended to 41 districts of Uttar Pradesh. In addition, a similar project, which is a jointly funded project of Government of India and Government of United States of America named INDUS Project is being implemented in five districts of the State.

(d) Under the National Child Labour Project Scheme, Special schools/ Rehabilitation Centres are set up, which provide following facilities to the children withdrawn from employment:

- Formal/Non-formal education;
- Vocational Training;
- Supplementary nutrition @ Rs. 5/- per child;
- Stipend @ Rs. 100/- per month to children withdrawn from employment;
- Health care facilities.

Non-payment of PF arrears

†1179. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several companies are not making the payment of Provident Fund arrears to their employees inspite of the re-peated reminders;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether these companies are violating the provisions of Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1952;

(c) whether any action has not been taken by Government against such companies and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the companies against whom action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Whenever any default is detected, actions, under the Sections 7A, 8F, 8B to 8G, 14(1)(A), 14(B) and 7Q of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, under Section 406/409 of IPC and under Section 110 of CrPC, are taken against the defaulters.

This includes attachment and sale of properties, arrest and detention of defaulters, appointment of receiver to manage the defaulters' properties.

Social Security Legislation for unorganised sector

1180. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Advisory Council has finalized the Social Security Legislation for unorganized sector workers in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed Legislation;

(c) the number of workers going to be benefited from this Legislation who otherwise are not covered under any labour laws of the country;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the proposed Legislation would be implemented through workers facilitation centers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) to (e) The National Advisory Council have recently forwarded the draft of a proposed "Unorganised Sector Workers'